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WHERE ARE AUSTRALIAN AMATEURS HEADING?

Eight years ago a forceful state-ment of endorsement of the U.S. Amateur Radio Service by the American Communications Policy Board set up by President Truman to make a study of U.S. frequency usage and communications policy, was released in a subsequent report to the American people.

to the American people.

Today the United States Amateurs are told by their Telecommunications Board—the present official title of the original President's Communications Policy Board established by the Office of Defence Mobilisation—in a re-appraisal of the country's telecommunications policy that, and we quote:

"The United States considers its own Amateur Service to be vitally necessary to the National defence and security because it provides a pool of personnel trained in the techniques of telecommunications, including skilled operators.

"It shall be the policy of the "It shall be the policy of the United States to foster and en-courage the Amateur Service be-cause the immediate availability to all world areas of the Amateur Services' frequencies and the Amateurs who utilise them are during times of emergency, whether such emergency be of a localised nature or national in scope . . ."

Parasitic Beams 11

Here is the policy of a country with untold thousands of frequency allo-cation problems compared to Australia prepared to support its Amateurs from the very top because they are far sighted enough and have learned the lesson of experience of the worth of the Amateur to the national good of their country.

In Australia the frequencies used by Amateurs may be in jeopardy and by Amateurs may be in jeopardy and it is expected that support will be shown by the people who will be protecting the rights of the Australian Amateur Service and forming a futuristic policy on behalf of the Australian Government to retain the frequencies for the Amateurs of this country together with the requirements of all the other frequency users. If not, it will be a woeful outlook for a country whose geo-graphical position makes it so vul-nerable a target.

nerable a target.

The worth of the Amateur to any country can't be weighed by how many times he operates in a week many times he operates in a week at all. It's his knowledge that is at all. It's his knowledge that is valuable and it is time the Amateur himself woke up and told a few people that fact. 'Use them or lose them'. .. as we often hear mouthed should be a minor worry. It's the should be a minor worry. It's the should be a minor worry. It's the specific way to be a minor worry. It's the should be a minor worry.

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A New Receiver Tuning Principle

Wide-Range British Receiver With Interesting Features

RECENTLY VETAIN wrote to us to R ask what we thought about the Racal RA-17 receiver, and we could only answer that we didn't think anything because we didn't know any-thing about it. This surprised VE7AIK no end, and he promptly sent us a flyer no end, and he promptly sent us a flyer he had on the receiver. This in turn prompted us to get in touch with the manufacturers, Racal Engineering Ltd., Western Road, Bracknell, Berkshire,

The RA-17 Communications Receiver is expensive and it is made in Europe, so it isn't likely that we will see very many in the United States. The receiver is handled in Canada by Instronics Ltd., Stittsville, Ont., so some of our VE neighbours may be telling us about it over the air in the near future. The manufacturer was kind enough to forward enough information. The RA-17 Communications Receiver for us to pass along on what we think is a novel and interesting approach to receiver design.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the receiver is the tuning method. The the receiver is the tuning method. The RA-17 has continuous coverage from 1 to 30 Mc. A large knob on the front panel is labelled "Megacycles"; it is set to the megacycle range you wish to tune. For example, a little dial face on the front panel indicates "2", so the receiver is currently set to tune 2 to 3 Mc. The setting of this dial is not critical! (One would expect it to be very critical, so why it isn't will be explained later.) You then tune the range with the left-hand large knob and read the frequency from the horizontal scale. That horizontal scale is a strip of film 60 inches long, with a calibration mark every kilocycle. To change bands you merely turn the "Megacycles" knob to the right range and, to confuse you a little more, no switching is involved!

Since this tuning device is so unusual, perhaps it had better be described be-fore we get on with the rest of the receiver. The block diagram of Fig. 1 receiver. The block diagram of Fig. 1 shows what is used in the front end of the receiver. The v.f.o. tunes 40.5 to 69.5 Mc., and its control knob is the one tied to the "Megacycles" scale on

the panel.

Let's assume that the v.f.o. is set to 50.5 Mc. Although all of the harto 50.5 Mc. Although all of the har-monics of the 1 Mc crystal will go to the control of the control of the in the plate circuit that gets through the 37.5 Mc. filter will be the beat with the 18th harmonic (13 Mc; 50.5 — 13.0 = 37.5 Mc.), and this 37.5 Mc. signal is applied to the third mixer. In the signal channe from the antender the signal channel from the animals, a signal at 10.5 Mc. would beat with the 50.5 Mc. v.f.o. and be heterodyned to 40.0 Mc., pass through the first if. stage and enter the third mixer. In the third mixer it would beat with the 37.5 Mc. energy to give a signal at 2.5 Mc., which could then be tuned in by the 2 to 3 Mc. receiver. (The 2 to 3 Mc. receiver tuning is tied to the 60-inch long scale that reads "Kilocycles".) It * Reprinted from "QST," Mar. '58.

should be apparent that under the should be apparent that three the above conditions signals in the range 11 to 10 Mc. would be heterodyned to the range 2 to 3 Mc. and could then be tuned by the 2 to 3 Mc. receiver. But if about this time you're wondering how they keep the v.f.o. stable at this high frequency, the answer is, "They don't have to." Suppose the v.f.o. drifted to 50.6 Mc. Its beat with the 13 Mc. harmonics of the crystal the 13 Mc. harmonics of the crystal would be 37.6 Mc., and its beat with the 10.5 Mc. signal would be 40.1 Mc. The beat between 37.6 and 40.1 Mc. is still 2.5 Mc., so although the v.f.o. drifted 100 Kc. the signal stayed on the same frequency at the input to the 2 to 3 Mc. receiver.

100 Kc.) range from -6 db. bandwidths of 150 cycles to 8 Kc.; the three sharpest bandwidths are obtained through the use of crystal-lattice filters. Two a.v.c. characteristics are available: a fast a.v.c. with a 200 millisecond discharge and a slow a.v.c. with a 1 second discharge. The S meter can be switched to read either "r.f." or "a.f."

level; this is probably our usual S meter circuit for the r.f. level and a rectifier in the audio for the a.f. level.

An over-all drift of less than 1200 cycles during two hours after a cold

start is claimed for the receiver, after two hours it is said to be less than 200 cycles, which is about as close as one can read the dial.

Fig. 1.—Block diagram of the unusual tuning system in the RA-17 re-ceiver. It features con-tinuous coverage from I to 30 Mc. without switching. 40.5-60.5Mc (

The foregoing is not by way of im-plying that the RA-17 has oscillators that drift badly; all we can say about that is to quote (later) what the manu-facturer claims. We did want to point out the ingenuity of the system, and the arithmetic was easier with a 100 Kc. drift.

To recapitulate a little, it should be apparent that the receiver stability depends upon the stability of the 1 Mc. crystal oscillator and the h.f. oscillator in the 2 to 3 Mc. tunable portion. Nothing is ever switched in the v.f.o. circuit, and it need be set only approximately to the right frequency for any given

The arrow in the link between the r.f. amplifier and the first mixer in are used here as well as some attenuation. Normally the front end might be set to a broad-band condition that requires no tuning. Should the signal be of such amplitude that it requires attenuation, 40 db. is available in steps of 10 db. Should a strong interfering signal be troublesome, the antenna range switch can be set to the appropriate band and the antenna tuning control rotated to peak the desired

The tuning of the RA-17 is the major point of departure from conventional receiver design, and the remainder of the receiver incorporates what are cur-rently considered to be desirable char-acteristics. Calibration check points acteristics. Calibration check points every 100 Kc. are obtained from the 1 Mc. oscillator and a regenerative fre-quency divider. Six degrees of i.f. selectivity (obtained at the third i.f. of

The receiver is said to sell for around £400 (over \$1000 in Canada), and as returned to the following the followin little operating time with them.

In the meantime, there is no good reason why enterprising "do-it-your-

self" Amateurs cannot apply the tun-ing principle to home-made receivers and transmitters. —B.G.

REPORTS WANTED ON WEATHER STATION TRANSMISSIONS

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The Bureau would be glad to receive reports of these transmissions. Reports can be forwarded to Ketth VKSZED who is operating on 50 Mc. from Heidelberg, or to the Director, Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology, Box 1289K, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1.

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AMATEUR TELEVISION

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THE VIDEO MIXER

This unil is a reflexenest which while by no mean essential, will permit considerable flexibility in the system. The tv. Amateur will spend pattern, not a live picture. For the many tests he will want to apply to his equipment and targing pattern (crosshatch or grid) is very useful. This can be generated electronically the theorem of the consideration of the control of the contr

ner, and again save the camera tube. We assure when we have the camera signals. We make the camera signals, So a unit having the camera signals, So a unit having the necessary. The mixer unit to be described fulfills this function, and will allow four pictures inputs to be handled be camera, flying spot scanner, pattern generator, and maybe that second camera the camera flying spot scanner, pattern generator, and maybe that second camera multiloss production.

ohm outputs, a 75 ohm monitoring output, and four 75 ohm inputs.

All switching is done by means of push-buttons, and each channel has its sync insertion are the same as in the c.u. The superimposition facility is handy when conducting scan linearity tests, when the camera picture of a grating signals. Camera scan linearity can then be measured directly from

the picture, and adjusted directly.

Fig. 22 sh a block schematic of the system. A keys that is a sessitial attraction of the system. A keys that is a sessitial apportance of the system of the system of the causes plate current surges in the mixer output, which the clamps control, preventing picture "bounce". The second clamp is to set a stable black level before insertion of sync.

The mixing technique is done with

The mixing technique is come wind the most of the period per than the wind of the period per than the working channel biassed to cut-off. Push-button selection of the desired channel causes the bias on the selected channel tube to fall under the control of R/C time constants, and that of the outgoing channel to rise. If both con-

clated lamp to indicate what switching has been accomplished, and to indicate at a glance which channel is "on air", and which being previewed. Changes of switching rate through slow, meaning the control of the contr



FIG. 23- R/C SWITCHING

CIRCUIT

Mixer Section

The switching section is shown at lower left, V1, 2, 3 and 4 being the mixer to the lower left, V1, 2, 3 and 4 being the mixer to the lower left, V1, 2, 3 and 4, 3 and 4 lower left, V1, 2 and V1, 3 and V1, 3 and V1, 4 lower left, V1, 4 lower left

provided.

The output of this stage then feeds the feedback output stage V9, V10, I1 Sync. insertion by V12 is again similar to the c.c.u. circuit. The clamp keyer is V13, a 12AT7, but any twin triode, or pair of triodes will do there.

The switchable R/C time constants

are the 2 &F. capacitors, and the sets of 1 mg, 470,000, 68,000 and 5,000 omb resistors, introduced by the appropriate relay. A simplified circuit of this switcher is shown in Fig. 25. The 25,000 ohm resistors in series with the supply are to prevent variation of the bias on cut-off channels, when switching is performed.

Push Buttons

The make contacts on the pushbutton units were used for switching, leaving only breaks for the supervisory

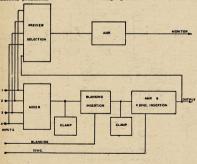


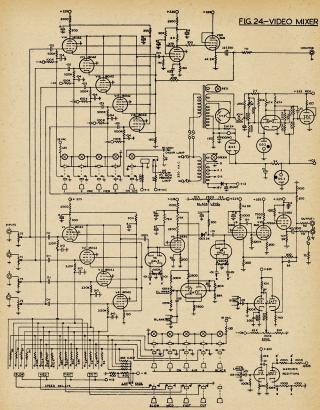
FIG. 22 - VIDEO MIXER BLOCK SCHEMATIC

The mixer is designed to lap dissolve or fade at three different speeds, or to cut, from any one to any other of these four inputs, and to make superimositions. There are preview facilities of each of the four inputs, and for the on-air signal. The system is of 75 ohms impedance throughout, with two 75.

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duct for part of the changeover time, the result is a lap dissolve. If one is cut off before the other conducts, the result is a fade. When the changeover is (almost) instantaneous, the result is a cut. Refer to Fig. 23.

The switching on preview is similar, but without any variation in time constants. Each push-button has an asso-



lamps. These were all wired in series, and the break contacts wired across each channel lamp, using an 18 volt a.c. supply, through resistors, for the 6 a.c. supply, through resistors, for the ovolt lamps. Depression of a push-button removed a short from the appropriate lamp. Future development is to wire further external lamps in ser mounted on camera or appropriate unit, removal of a short from the group giving on-air lamp signals to c.c.u., camera, f.s.s., etc. Note that the fifth mixer push-button is labelled Black. This is the equivalent of "off air", but in t.v., even when no picture is being transmitted, sync, and blanking are, and hence the designation "black" for no picture.



FIG. 25 - SWITCHING

Preview Section

The five mixer tubes, V14 to V18, provide preview of the four incoming channels, and the outgoing "on air" signal. Switching is similar to that in the mixer, but with simplified circuitry. The supervisory lamps are arranged The supervisory lamps are arranged such that circuits are provided to a pair of lamps marked "preview" and "on air" on the master monitor, to act as a warning that the monitor might not be showing the "on air" signal, but a preview channel. A changeover relay is needed to provide this facility.

The preview amplifier is arranged as feedback amplifier, with the mixer tubes V14-V18 acting as the first tube. As only one is conducting at any time, this is legitimate, and a common cathode resistor is used for all five, and feedback taken to this point. This enables the bandwidth to be maintained to about 10- Mc., and the low output impedance needed to feed a high quality monitor at some distance away.

Power Supply

This is shunt regulated, and the difference from the series regulated unit described last month can be seen. The requirements are 225 volts at 120 mA, and as only the 5Y3 filament winding is used, an 80 mA. 385 volt transformer is not overrun, particularly with choke input. The 2.5 ohm resistor in series with the 225 volt line is a compensating resistor for 100% regulation, and is adjusted to give minimum ripple on a resistive load, say a 25 watt lamp.

Components The push-button units are advertised currently in "Radio & Hobbies" at 7/6 u.s. Navy I.F.F. units, with the contacts modified somewhat to give four separate "makes" on the switching relays. The tubes used in the mixers, 18042's, were used because they were available, but due to the low anode

available, but due to the Jow anode loads, any pentode of reasonable G_a can be used, such as the 6AU6, 6BX6, 6AM6, 6SM7, 6AC7, EF50, etc.

The use of 18942's with their 18 volt heaters required a special filament winding, but this 18 volt supply was handy in providing a useful voltage for the rectifier for relay operation, and for the supervisory lamn. The rectifier the rectilier for relay operation, and for the supervisory lamp. The rectifier is also a "disposals" type, of the \$\frac{2}{2}\times \text{inprox} also as a series for half wave rectification. The 75 ohm input potentiometers should be carbon types. Mine are IRC wire wound, and their inductance

causes some overshoot in the 3.5 Mc. causes some overshoot in the 3.5 Mc. region. They will be replaced when carbon types can be obtained. Some disposals gear has 100 ohm carbon notentiometers which would do admirationally, if shunted with 300 ohm carbon resistors.

The 2 µF. capacitors in the mixer grid R/C time constant circuit can be AEE Microcaps, PMG can types, or anything in between, depending upon space and what you have.

Simplifications

This can be done by the reduction of input channels, with two as an abswitching to the inputs of the channels to provide four inputs to two channels. The preview facilities can be omitted in toto, but with corresponding reduction in flexibility and scope, triodes could be used for the mixer tubes, one triode per channel, as the anode loads are adequately low for triode wide-band operation. Use high mu tubes in this instance.

Adjustment

Using a c.r.o. on the output, terminated in 75 ohms, with no input, adjust the clipper preset control as in the c.c.u., described in May. Similarly check the operation of the Black Level and Sync. front panel controls. Apply a signal of level between 0.7 and 2.0 volts p./p., at 50 Kc. or higher to one channel and check that the channel comes in and out with the appropriate push-button, and that the channel gain control has full control of level.

Apply two separate signals to two channels, and check the operation of the "lap" and "fade" time constants. Under "lap" conditions, as the c.r.o. shows the outgoing signal decreasing, at about half normal level, the incom ing channel should be about the same. the two adding to full output level. Under "fade" conditions, the outgoing signal should fall to zero just before the incoming appears. Check for all four channels.

Check that with about 0.7 volts p./p check that with about 0.7 voits p./p. at any mixer channel grid, 1.4 voits p./p. (with sync.) appears at the output, and also that 1.4 voits p./p. appears at the monitor output, terminated in 75 chms. This ensures that all gains and levels are standardised. If not, adjust the overall gains of the mixer, or preview channel, until these conditions The feedback series resistor is prevail. the logical point to vary the gain.

Note: When testing gains, it is essential that the test signal used should be well above line frequency, 50 Kc. or higher. If frequencies much below this are used, the keyed clamps will cause severe attenuation. In effect the cause severe attenuation. In effect the clamp will attempt to obliterate the "hum" it sees on the amplifier tube grid, and its effectiveness is greater, the lower the frequency. In normal useage of course, the clamp operates on the blocking redected by: age of course, the claim operates on the blanking pedestal, but under test conditions, these pedestals are absent, at least before V6. This applies also in tests applied to the c.c.u, which was not mentioned when I described

that unit. In the sense that it inserts standard blanking and sync, this unit will re-place those functions of the c.c.u. If the picture and waveform monitors are provided elsewhere in the chain, addition of camera control facilities in the video mixer, i.e. focus, beam intensity and target potential, will make the c.c.u. unnecessary. The master monitor to be described next month has both picture and waveform monitors, and can re-place these functions of the c.c.u.

Intercom. Facilities

The video mixer becomes the key oint in a transmission chain, and it is from this point that overall of the system is effected. With the camera out on a long cable, two-way talk back between these two units is essential. In practice, programme sound is also fed to the cameraman, to help him co-ordinate his picture with the commentary, or sound. A "split" pair of headphones, with programme sound in one ear, and intercom. in the other, also has a carbon mike on a moveable arm fixed to one side of the headband. This enables the microphone insert to (Continued on Page 17)

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Em-erg-en-cy Net Op-er-at-ors

BY NORMAN BURTON,* BERS11494

(Note.-The author's views are not neces-sarily those of the Publishers.-Ed.)

WHILST listening recently on the DX bands, the author was ling CQ uzded to hear a station calling CQ and stating it was "Victor Kilo Two Zulu Zulu." The first reaction was to grab the current List of Countries and see where this rare DX was. This proved to be disappointing as it was not listed, and the conclusion arrived at that it was a pirate. A day or two later, the call was heard again, very strongly and obviously a local signal; then the light dawned—it was the new Planned Phonetic Alphabet. Hastily sorting a pile of unpaid bills, Hastily sorting a pile of unpain onis, demand notices, parking summonses, threats of legal action, etc., in short, the usual kind of junk that accumulates on the Amateur's desk, I found the complete list. By this time the station had gone off, presumably since no one answered. This reficence must be answered. This reticence must be ascribed to the aversion of the average Amateur to working suspicious stations. The silence was clearly an invitation to study the new Planned Phonetic Alphabet.

Perusing the document from A to Z (this last letter can be pronounced either as in English, i.e. "Zed", or if you are an Elvis Presley fan "Zee", and either form is acceptable and correct; the latter form it should be pointed out, far from being new and modern, is Ye Olde Englishe form and was common usage until about the time of Nelson. As a young nation it is suggested the form "Zed" be used as this is more in keeping with the times.)

The document of the new Planned Phonetic Alphabet is full of surprises; not the least is the realisation that the planner was an expert in his field and planner was an expert in his field and that field is quite obviously pig farm-ing. It has, however, the inestimable value of being a Planned Alphabet and is in consequence a Modern Planned Phonetic Alphabet, whereas earlier Phonetic Alphabets whereas earlier Phonetic Alphabets were just the haphazard efforts of the "hoi polloi" (Greek to you) and clearly were not suitable for general use by H.M. Forces, etc. The fact they were used at all must be ascribed entirely to the "Non-U" influence that was so prevalent during the Wars. There is not the slightest doubt that had we, during these hostil-ities, had the benefit of a Planned Phonrives, nau the benefit of a Planned Phon-etic Alphabet then the Wars might have been speeded up (on the other hand, of course, they could have been slowed down). All this casualness has now been rectified and we have a brand rect. Planned Phonetic Alphabnew Planned Phonetic Alphabet.

Let us examine it in some detail.

For the first time ever the Phonetic
Alphabet allows clear distinction between users who are U and Non-U.

Take the letters K and L. These are
given as K.—Kilo and L.—Lima, but * 130 The River Road, Revesby, N.S.W.

there is no indication as to how they are to be pronounced. If you are a Non-U you will naturally say kilo and Lima (pronouncing the letter "!" as in eye), but if you are a U, you will show your better breeding and say Keelo and Leema. This allows you to air the knowledge of French so carefully beltadding our with a cricket bat in the Second Form at good old St. Fanny's, the old Alma Mater—for Non-U readers, I will explain that "Alma Mater" is Latin for "Our Mother" and has nothing to do with a Hollywood personality whose vital statistics are 39-25-38 (unfortunately).

NEW PHONETIC ALPHABET

A - Alfa	N - November
B - Bravo	O — Oscar
C - Charlie	P — Papa
D - Delta	Q - Quebec
E - Echo	R - Romeo
F - Foxtrot	S — Sierra

G - Golf T - Tango H - Hotel U - Uniform I - India V - Victor J - Juliett W - Whiskey K - Kilo X - X-ray

Y - Yankee

Z - Zulu

L - Lima

M - Mike

This division into U and Non-U is carried even further by introducing Greek letters, alfa, delta, etc. (Note to readers: I have had to use the Anglicised version of these letters as the printers, like those who printed the New Phonetic Alphabet had no Greek type.) Logically these letters should have been shown in Greek type but apparently the planner of the New apparently the planner of the New Phonetic Alphabet decided against this logical course on the score that Amat-eurs would take a quick look at the New Phonetic Alphabet and say, "What's the use, it's all Greek to me." what's the use, it's an oreek to me."
In actual practice, of course, they do
this anyway, so the same effect has
been achieved even though greater
effort has been needed to achieve it.
This is, of course, one of the benefits
of having a thing Planned.

Having dealt with the division of the New Phonetic Alphabet into two, for Us's and Non-U's, let us pass to a few more examples. Take "R". This is no more examples. Take "R". This is no longer Roger, but an emasculated sound "Romeo", and "J" is no longer lig (or Jerk if you are American) but "Julie", and "P" has ceased to be "Pip" or "Peter" and is now "Papa". Imagine a future aid battle. Ground calls up the fighters, "Red Papa calling Red Piight, can you hear me?" The Flight Leader, who is in aircraft I for Juliet replies. who is in aircraft J for Juliet, replies:
"Romeo, Romeo; Juliet answering." At this point a third voice, probably the enemy, butts in with "Romeo, Romeo, where art thou, Romeo?" and everyone is so convulsed with mirth that the

with female ground operators things can be even more amusing. Maybe on reflection this is the real purpose of the Planned New Phonetic Alphabet; it is our secret weapon. This is a truly monstrous thing, devilish in its conception, nothing more or less than a device to reduce the enemy's strength by mak-ing him laugh himself to death. Whether it is in accordance with the Geneva Convention is open to grave doubt.

Reflect again of a tough fighter pilot acknowledging a message "Romeo, Romeo." The thing is inhuman; it is not too much to say it is flendish

At this point I feel we should all nip round to the "H" for Hotel and have a stiff "W" for Whiskey to overcome the shock. Taxation, too, is introduced, see "U" for Uniform.

On reflection the question arises should we as Amateurs, who pride ourselves on rugged individuality, use the code? The answer can only be the code? The answer can only be found by having a look at a few examples. Take GSHTD—this become a complex that the complex control of the complex control of the complex control of the control of the

The more one examines it the more one becomes convinced that the best thing to do is to collect all copies existthing to do is to collect all copies exist-ing of the New Phonetic Alphabet, have them arranged in date or numerical order, and then burn them: carefully omitting to have any carbon copies made before they are destroyed.

Summing up, therefore, it is clear this New Phonetic Alphabet was never intended for Amateur use; it couldn't be used. Hams all over the world would laugh themselves to death, so let us forget it and carry on as we are with our Able Baker Charlie, etc., even with our Able Baker Charlie, etc., even though this has not the advantage of a Planned Parenthood. After all, one could ask, "Is your planner reall, enc-essary? The answer is definitely NO. With the member of the Emergency Net, the position is far different. He

Net, the position is far different. He HAS to use the code; there is no equivocation about the matter. Suphapens? The message cannot be passed since it is not in the prescribed form as laid down by the planner and this can lead to serious repercussions. For instance, the lace mats for the tables in the Paratroop Sergeant's Mess may not be delivered and you will see at once the serious consequences such an event can have on Other Ranks.

Some difficulty will arise amongst the Emergency Net Operators and to obviate this, it is suggested a large chart be affixed to the wall with the New Phonetic Alphabet printed on it New Phonetic Alphabet printed on it in letters of sufficient size as to be the interest of sufficient size as to be the properties of the the chart has been memorised the Phonetic word will be quickly found. Using this system the transmission and reception of a message need not be more than the usual shambles.

which is truly one of the wonders of the 20th century. It shows us how we can, with a minimum of brain fag, learn to write and so put down on a Prescribed Form of Message Pad any message we have the minfortune to receive. Exact details (see illustrated examples) are shown as to how to write each letter, where to start, where to and which way the strokes. which is truly one of the wonders of to end, which way the strokes are to be to end, which way the strokes are to be made (indicated by arrow heads) and even which way the curves (clock or anti-clock) are made. In short, it is the berries for the busy Emergency Net Operator, as with not too much prac-tice he will soon learn to write.

Once he is able to write, he is pre-sented with a second wonder: that of being able to READ the messages he has written down on the Prescribed Form of Message pad transcribed from the New Planned Phonetic Alphabet. This will give him a lot of pleasure,

EXAMPLES OF PRESCRIBED FORM OF PRINTING



Note.—In actual message writing there is, of course, no need to print the small arrow heads on the letters; their omission will be understood by the reader.

Concurrent with the Planned New Phonetic Alphabet it is incumbent on the Emergency Net Operator to write all messages in the Prescribed Form of Printing to be adopted for the Writing of Telephone, Telegraph (Including Wireless Telephone and Telegraph), Semaphore, Lamp and Hellograph Messages. This is MOST IMPORTANT as if the messages are not written in the Prescribed Form they cannot be read It is suggested that practise in writing in this manner be done listening to Slow Morse transmissions.

As none of us know how to write, the planners have again come to our assistance. They have got out a chart

for instance, he may see . . . xyt who-smtp rrppis alakseifnekd wpwlsith-teofnf wot in hell . . and seeing this, he knows IN A FLASH he has written down a lot of gibberish. The realisation he has done this may make him glow with pride enough to put the modulation neon to shame or it may

What happens next? There are two what happens next: Inets are two courses of action dependent upon the moral fibre of the man himself. If he has any pride left he will at once switch off the rig and go and play two-up down at the local "H" for Hotel. If not, then his family are likely to find him some hours later with a wild look

in his eye muttering unintelligently and writing down on the Prescribed Form of Message pad short terse words which are nonetheless most descriptive of both the Alphabet, Planned, Phonof both the Alphabet, Planned, Phone-etic, New, Services for use of, and the Prescribed Form of Printing to be Adopted for the Writing of Telephone, Telegraph (including Wireless Tele-phone and Telegraph), Semaphore, Lamp and Heliograph Messages.

BOOK REVIEW

"THE RADIO AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK'

We recently received copies of the 35th edition of "The Radio Amateur's Handbook", published by the A.R.L. This handbook is invaluable to the Amateur who wishes to remain "well " on current affairs in the Amateur Radio world.

Each year portions of the "Hand-book" are revised. In line with this policy, the 35th edition contains much information that is new. More space is devoted to "Semi-conductors." The devoted to "Semi-conductors." The chapter on H.F. Receivers has not been greatly altered, although a transistorised "Q Multiplier" is described. Chapter 6, H.F. Transmitters, has been altered quite a lot and new designs are described

The 34th edition was better from the point of view of information for calculating the constants necessary in pinetworks. However, the space saved in networks. However, the space saved in shortening some popular chapters has been devoted to a more lengthy dis-cussion on "Suppressed Carrier and S.S.B." Chapter 11 is now devoted entirely to this subject.

In Chapter 21, the "Monimatch Mk. II." is described together with the latest versions of Amateur built test equipment. The latest available (in the U.S.) tube types are included in Chapter 26.

The section that will make your mouth water is the "Catalogue Section" at the rear. It is a great pity that Australian Amateurs are unable to buy equipment that is available to practically any other Ham throughout the world.

The whole book is well written, easy to understand, and can be thoroughly recomended to beginners and experienced Amateurs.

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21 Mc. Quad for 300 Ohm Feed

RV I W S EDGE * VK2AIO

After hearing on the air the other day that one had to construct two Quads to keep one up in the air, I thought it was time that I at last wrote to "A.R.," hoping to get same in prinar and perhaps help these fellows to keep their Quads in the air.

This Quad has been up at VK2AJO's This Quad has been up at VK2.2JO's now for over two years, has withstood all the elements, and has assisted this station to work well over 100 countries on 21 Mc. since it first made its appear-ance on top of the tower.

Most of the data that could be found on Quads was for one turn on the on Quads was for one turn on the radiator, but as at the time co-ax was scarce here, it was decided to try two turns and use 300 ohm ribbon. In due ed, and with a field strength meter out in the paddock, tests were made against a ZL. Special that had previously been the 21 Mc. standby.

Upon tuning the Quad with the shorting bar on the stub of the reflector, my mate and I were amazed to see that the field strength from the to see that the field strength from the Quad was in the order of 3 db. better than the ZL Special. As we had pre-viously proved a gain of approximately 7. db. for the Special, we were agree-ably surprised with the result. Backto-front ratio was better on the Special but forward gain of the Quad was best.

The best point of gain on the shorting bar is fairly critical, it worked out at approximately 3 feet up the stub in my case. Measurements are cut for approximately 21.2 Mc., and spacing is approximately 0.2 wavelength.

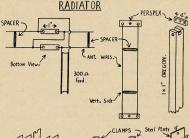
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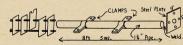
On the construction angle you will find when all is boiled together that you will have a light but strong beam, if directions are followed.

In the bottom diagram of the boom in the exploded end view, (1) is the 9" square steel plate welded to piping, (2) is the inside 9" square wood block, (3) one of the 1" x 1" spreaders, (4)

the outside 9" square wood block, (5) a light 9" square piece of steel plate fould be lighter in weight than piece (could be lighter in weight than piece welded to pipe), (6) bolts, four required to bolt all assembly together (I used 34" long 4" bolts).

It is most important that the spreaders are held by wood screws, either through the outer or inner wood block.





REFLECTOR 11 Ft 4 ins -2. 9'sq wood BLOCKS €-BOLT HOLES.

I have not diagramed the radiator, but construction is identical, except that no stub is used, and of course two turns are used. The perspex insulators are let into the spreaders, across horizontally, not vertically, as they are in the reflector. You will also have to allow at least 1° in that the spreaders for the radiator will be 1° longer than for the radiator will be l' longer than those in the reflector, because the insulators in the reflector protrude l". h" bolts are used to hold the perspex insulators in place. Wire used here was 7/.029 enamel covered aerial wire, but most any wire is suitable, say 12 or 14 gauge.

I would be happy to answer any queries, either by letter or on the air, in regard to the Quad, but I am sure that if you do erect one you will be as pleased with its performance as I am. Go get that DXI

Timber and Hardware required: Approx. 66 feet of 1 x 1 inch Oregon. Four 9 inch square Wood Blocks. Perspex and Spacers for Antenna. Pour 9 inch square Steel Plates. 8 ft. 5 in. of 1¼ inch Water Pipe. Bolts and Screws.

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EVENINGS AND SATURDAYS

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Adjustment of Gamma-Matched Parasitic Beams'

Step Procedure for On-the-Ground Tuning

BY KATASHI NOSE KHRIT

A FTER having sweated through countless hours of "adjusting gamma match until the proper match is obtained" on some 40 assorted match is obtained" on some 40 assorted home-made parasitic beams from 2 to 20 metres, the conclusion is that this is easier said than done—and that authors, including myself,¹ have been prone to underestimate the work inprone

This article concerns a single-band beam, co-ax fed and gamma matched—
as simple and straightforward a system,
mechanically and electrically as can be devised

THE GAMMA

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Fig. 1A, the commonly used gamma-matched radiator, consists of Dogman-matched radiator, consists of Dogman-matched radiator, consists of Dogman-matched radiator, consists of Dogman-matched radiator, and Fig. 1B works precisely the same as Fig. 1B works a precisely the same as Fig. 1B works a benuinted radiator, familiar to the broadcast industry, amiliar to the broadcast industry, constitution of Dogman and Dogman a across section AB. The series capacitor is used to tune out the reactance, which is always inductive. The quarter-wave section EA of Fig. 1A can be considered to be a phantom ground, which in the case of Fig. 1C is earth.

The gamma rod spacing is critical only at the AD end, and in broadcast practice it is usual to approach the radiator at a gradual angle. At Amateur frequencies, anything from No. 12 wire² to tubing equal in diameter to the radiator have been used (see Handbook nomograph); and spacings at the Mc. to 6 inches at 14 Mc, with inter-mediate values for other frequencies have worked out successfully.

MATCHING TO FEED LINE

When the average Amateur speaks of "tuning a beam," he refers to two distinct processes. The first is that of distinct processes. The first is that of gamma in this instance, to offer the proper termination to the feed line. The second is that of adjusting element lengths for maximum forward gain or front-to-back ratio. These two processes interlock to a certain degree.

The first process is carried out by tuning loop ABCD, together with ap-pendage radiator EF and the gamma capacitor, to provide the proper ter-mination at the desired frequency. Among the factors which influence this

· Reprinted from "QST," Mar. '58.

1 Nose, "A Lightweight 14 Mc. Four Element Beam." "GST." Nov. '48. 2 Nose, "A Lightweight 21 Mc. Three Element Beam," "GST." April '54; "The A.R.R.L. Antenna Book," p. 233.

If it is true that experience is the best teacher, the author has had a higher education in the adjustment of parasitic beams. This article gives you the essence of what he has found out in the course of tuning up some dozens of such antennae on a wide var-iety of Amateur bands.

(1) Length of the gamma rod (about 7 inches for 144 Mc, to 44 inches for 14 Mc

(2) Spacing and size of the gamma rod (spacings about 1 inch for 144 Mc. to 6 inches for 14 Mc.)

(3) Gamma capacitor (about 7 pF. for 144 Mc. to 100 pF. for 14 Mc.) (4) Radiator length (460 divided by frequency in megacycles3).

(5) Proximity of objects, including lengths.

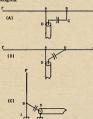


Fig. 1.—The gamma matched radiator and its family relationship to the shunt excited vertical.

Unless one of these parameters is fixed one can get hopelessly lost, since they all interlock to varying degrees. In this method the radiator length is fixed and the others worked against it. Remember, a coll-capacitor combination can be made to show the proper ter-mination but is not the best radiator.

EQUIPMENT

A ratiometer (Monimatch, s.w.r. bridge, etc.) plus your transmitter, preferably low power, is all that is necessary. The simplest kind of s.w.r. meter or r.f. bridge, requiring only a few watts of power, is preferred.

3 Different sources give figures varying from 460 to 480. A large number of experiments tend to favour the former figure. I would like to hear about the experience of others.

The simple field-strength meter least a 100 microampere movement is least a 100 microampere movement is required if you want to make front-to-back adjustments. Use of a grid dip meter as a source of r.f. voltage is un-satisfactory in this application, nor is one required at any time unless used as mentioned later.

ADDITISTMENT OF GAMMA

Mount the beam on a convenient support at a height easily reached from the ground. The top of a stepladder is convenient—or even a fence post. is convenient—or even a fence post. The roof top is better but not necessary. Don't be too concerned about surround-ing objects; tuning under poor circum-

ing objects; tuning under poor circum-stances is better than no tuning at all.

(1) Adjust the gamma to the sug-gested dimensions. Make the reflector 5% longer than the radiator, and the director 4% shorter. Additional direcdirector 4% shorter. Additional direc-tors should be successively 4% shorter.

(2) Install the s.w.r. meter at the transmitter end of the feed line and adjust the power output for proper operation of the meter at half sensitivity. This is done to extend the range ity. This is done to extend the range during final adjustment. Only a few watts are required—the lower the power the better, since "hot" adjust—(3) Move the s.w.r. meter to the antenna end of the feed line, placing it in such a position that the meter can be seen while making subsequent ad-

iustments (4) Adjust the gamma rod length for

(4) Adjust the gamma rod length for minimum s.w.r. A temporary sliding shorting bar consisting of two battery ient. It is unlikely that this adjustment alone will produce a minimum. (5) Adjust the gamma capacitor for maximum s.w.r. Alternate the adjust-ments between gamma rod length and

gamma capacitor setting for minimum s.w.r

(6) Finally, touch up by adjusting the radiator length slightly, but not more than one or two per cent. If a greater change is needed, go back to steps 4 and 5 and try another combina-In all three of the latter steps the

adjustments should allow the s.w.r. to go through a minimum and then rise again. By this time the s.w.r. reading should be so low as to make the reading unreliable on the scale being used, so shift to the most sensitive scale on v.o.m., if one is being used, or increase the sensitivity of the meter by cutting out more resistance if a Monimatch type is being used.

If at any time you should lose your place, or have any doubt as to the cor-

rectness of the adjustment, re-adjust

4 Take due pressutions, such as grounding, the inner conductor of the co-ax through an r.f. choke, to prevent high voltage from appearing on the antenna should a blocking capacitor fail. Additionally, it is suggested that the centre conductor be grounded through another r.f. choke at the antenna

radiator to the calculated length and start all over. The sequence is: gamma rod, gamma capacitor, and radiator length for touching up.

Depending on size of the beam and the frequency, you may have to duck out from between or under the elements after each adjustment, if such movement results in a change in the s.w.r.

If a satisfactory minimum s.w.r. can-not be attained during any of the three

latter adjustments look for:

(1) Radiator length too far off, preventing resonance (see below).

(2) Poor Q in gamma capacitor and loop system. The WZVS type of concentric capacitor⁵ has excellent Q and is preferred. Spacers should have low power factor. Plastic tape is unsatisfactory, and you will have one big mess

if you use high power.

(3) Poor co-ax connections. Solder all co-ax to connectors. In one instance

a right-angle connector showed an open circuit only when installed in a line. (4) Beware of unmarked surplus short lengths of co-ax in connecting the ratiometer. It is better to cut a short length from the same piece used for

length from the same piece used for the feed line. The feed line of the fe

transmitter.

(7) Ratiometer improperly calibrated or not working properly. Test with a noninductive resistor—not at the bridge co-ax terminal but at the end of the co-ax where it connects to the gamma.

The first mentioned item is the most frequently occurring trouble and usually accounts for freak gamma dimensions or capacitance. Check the resonant or capacitance. Check the resonant requency by shifting the transmitter frequency 200 Kc. higher and lower and observing where the minimum sw.r. occurs. If the minimum occurs at other than the desired frequency, readjust the radiator length and repeat

If none of these measures work, couple a grid dip meter to point D in Fig. 1A with the feed line off. You will find several dips; the most pronounced for the radiator, a lessnounced for the radiator, a less-pronounced one higher in frequency for the director, and another lower in fre-quency for the reflector. This will give you an idea as to how far off resonance you are. There have been cases where resonance occurred outside of the range of the transmitter.

ADJUSTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND REFLECTOR

The second phase of tuning will be omitted by most Hams, as formula lengths work out fairly well. Adjustment for maximum front-to-back is much easier than for forward gain be-

cause the former is quite sharply de-fined. Moreover, it is more dramatic when demonstrating the beam! String up a half-wave dipole with a diode detector, using pieces of string as

5 Reynolds, "Simple Gamma Match Construc-tion," "QST," July '57.

insulators, between any convenient supports that are as far away as pos-sible while still showing a half-scale reading with the back of the beam pointed at the dipole. If these adjustments are being made on the roof top, the pick-up dipole draped over the neighbour's roof is fine; otherwise, even

draped over a hedge is satisfactory. Run a long two-conductor lead from the dipole to the beam so that effects of adjustment can be watched. It is best that the lead wire be laid on the ground to preclude r.f. pick-up. Pro-

(1) Adjust reflector length for mininum pick-up. This adjustment is very critical, a change of one half inch pro-ducing a decided change in meter read-

(2) Adjust director length for mini-um pick-up. This adjustment is not mum pick-up. This adjustment is as critical as that for the reflector.

(3) Increase the sensitivity of the meter or move the pick-up dipole closer (or increase power) as adjustment proceeds so that a half-scale reading is obtained at all times.

(4) In both (1) and (2) a minimum should occur as the proper length is passed.

(5) Reinstall the ratiometer in the feed line and check to see that the s.w.r. has not changed materially. If it has, re-adjust according to the procedure given previously, keeping the radiator length a fixed quantity except for minor touch-up.



Fig. 2.—Sensitive field strength meter usin crystal diode (such as a 1N34) and microam meter. The latter should have a range of abou 109 microamperes full scale, and may be th meter in a volt-ohm-milliammeter if a suitable low current range is incorporated.

In practice, a change of one half inch or so in element length will not be noticed at the receiving end of a contact, but it is comforting to know that it is "on the nose." Raising the beam into position does not change the s.w.r. as much as one is led to suspect, and this method is the next best to making adjustments with the antenna in its final position.

ERRATA

In the "Amateur Television" series of articles, the author has pointed out the following omissions and alterations: Part 1.-Sync, signal generator circuit drawing, V7B cathode resistor is

Part 2.—April, page 6, column 1. Paragraph beginning "Stage 2 (V9)," amend figure in denominator of equation from 2200 to 120. Throughout text, for cascode, read cascade, when re-ferring to c.r.t. phosphors. Part 3.-Circuit Fig. 15. Coupling

capacitor omitted from anode of V2 to clamp V4 should be 0.004 uF.

HINTS AND KINKS

MOBILE HINT: A PENCIL WHEN YOU NEED IT

Ever hunted for a pencil while mobiling? Keep one on the top surface of the dashboard. A piece of magnet from an old speaker will stick to any convenient location on the dash. And an ordinary wooden pencil with about three wide-spaced turns of baling wire or equivalent (not copper) around the shaft will cling to the magnet. For long trips, a piece of scratch paper can be hold the paper firmly enough for quick operation notes.
—H. A. Thomas, W5HJM ("QST," Mar. '58)

A "TEE" TRAP FOR V.H.F.

The construction illustrated in Fig. 2 provides a means of connecting a seriestuned v.h.f. trap across a co-axial cable without actually cutting into the line. The idea was developed for use with a 144 Mc. converter that was picking up Television transmissions along with the 144 Mc. signals, but it may be used to free co-axial lines of other types of interference.



Fig. 2.—W8TPL's series-tuned "Tee" trap. C and L. discussed in the text, form a series-resonant circuit at the frequency of an inter-fering signal. Capacitor illustrated is a 6 to 30 pF. trimmer.

The connector used in the assembly The connector used in the assembly may be either a type \$3.17 or a \$1.008 may be cheered by the former is used, a good joint between coil and connector can be made with a ½ inch No. 8 brass machine screw. A plece of solid copper wire may be used for the same purpose when the connector is a type BNC.

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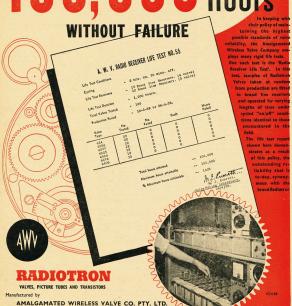
If possible, solder the rotor arm of
the padder to the outside of the connector so it will be grounded when the
unit is installed in the line. Naturally,
the sold in the line is the line in the line. tuning adjustments can be made with less difficulty if the rotor is grounded.

Values of C and L that will series
resonate at the interfering frequency

can be determined quite easily with the aid of a grid dip meter. If a grid-dipper is not available, the coil size may be varied—by the cut-and-try method—and the capacitor adjusted until the interference is suppressed. until the interference is suppressed. There is no reason why a trap of this type cannot be used to suppress a v.h.f. harmonic generated by a low-power transmitter. However, it may be necessary to rig a shield around the tuned

circuit,
—R. V. Nedimyer, WSTPL ("QST," Mar. '58)

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CORRESPONDENCE

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S.W.L. GROUPS

Editor "A.R.," Dear Sir, As President of the VK5 S.w.l. Group

I would like to comment upon the letter by Ian Hunt and published in "AR." in May, Firstly, I would like to say their middle to the property of the property o

The point upon which I wish to comment is contained in the second paragraph of Mr. Hunt's letter which reads as follows: "However, I am rather perturbed at the apparent lack of interest permotion and encouragement of Short Wave Listener Groups within the various Divisions of the WI.A."

corned this criticism cost on tapply, beer since our Group was formed in February 1985, Council has given every encouragement to swl's, and it is certainly not from lack of official support that our Group is not as active as we had hoped. Council has active as we had hoped. Council has alto rivers and a council and a support of the council has a two rivers on the council has a two rivers of the council has a tw

Frequent publicity has been given the Group over VK5WI and through the W.I.A. notes in the Press and it is largely due to this that the Group has achieved a measure of success.

I quite admit that the VKS Group has not been able to supply regular notes for "A.R." mainly due to most of the Group members being more interested in the technical side of Radio than in Short Wave Listening. It is apparent that the future of the VKS Group lies in promoting the technical aspect as most of its members are keen to obtain the A.O.C.P.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ian Hunt in promoting the interests of S.w.I. Groups in VK. The VK5 Division is most appreciative of his work and we wish him every success in the future.

-James N. Paris (WIA-L5006).

Editor "A.R.," Dear Sir,

Correspondence subsequent to a letter written by myself being published in the May issue of "Amateur Radio," leads me to write further in an effort to allay any misconceptions which may have arisen concerning S.w.l. Groups, and my comments thereon.

I wish firstly to state that my letter was not intended as a condemnation of any particular Division or Divisional Council, but was meant merely to point out the need for attracting newcomers to Amateur ranks.

In furtherance of this aim I feel that S.w.l. Groups are undisputably an ideal method, if properly organised, of alrigiding persons who would not othertracting persons who would not other-Radio or the W.I.A. This is the primary and most important function of an S.w.I. Group. The aim of such a Group active persons, although it can be seen that a natural outcome of Group activtate this step. I wonder if such would be the case if no facilities were protice that the step of the properson and hold it up till the time that they are in a position to sit for the examination to sit for the examination.

As far as the hard work necessary in putting an Swall Group on a sound footing is concerned, I might point out in the property of the property

As far as conditions pertaining in other States are concerned, I do not and have not at any time claimed to be an authority. I do know this though, here in VK3 we have a successful Group organised. If it can be done here, why can't it be done in other places, too?

In conclusion, I would like to say

that if any person is interested in swiling or in the formation of Swil. Groups, they need only write to me at 211 St. Georges Road, Northoote, Nice, assistance as possible. I hope very soon to have obtained that coved Ticket and I want to be able to operate until worth the able to it there are no Ham bands though, and I still maintain that they can only be preserved if we strive to keep the number of active Amsteurs. This can be done by attracting new

members by the formation of Short Wave Listener Groups.

-Ian J. Hunt (WIA-L3007).

SHORT WAVE LISTENERS

Editor "A.R.," Dear Sir,

Re s.w.l's. not receiving acknowledgment from Hams. Well the s.w.l's. may

only have themselves to blame.

I was a s.w.l. around 1930 and had little trouble as my s.w.l. card was accompanied by a self-addressed

stamped envelope.

However now, S.w.l. Groups could work in with the W.I.A. for an exchange of cards, etc.

Each S.w.l. Group could have its cards printed in bulk and these cards designed to give the information necessary for a complete report.

-W. N. Short, VK2ARA.

LT.II. FUND DONATIONS

All licensed Amateurs throughout the Commonwealth of Australia have now received a circular letter asking for donations to send an official Am-ateur delegate to Geneva to the International Telecommunication Conference commencing in July 1959.

The appeal officially opened on 1st June when the letter was mailed to Amateurs irrespective of membership of the Wireless Institute or not. Al-though letters were forwarded to licensed Amateurs, there are probably quite a number of new calls which have been issued since our records were have been issued since our records were amended. Quite a number of these have already forwarded donations and are recorded below. If you have not received an official notification, cards will be available from your local Div-ision—please let us have your donation

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Ian J. Hunt, WIA-L3007 211 St. George Road, Northcote, N.16, Vic.

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VIC. S.W.L. GROUP

The April meeting of the VK3 Group was very usefully, employed in setting the general business of the Group on a sound footing Discussion took place on many and varied topics and some very good ideas concerning future policy and activities were forthcoming.

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Well I think that pretty well wraps up the month's doings. Remember, if you have any news let's hear from you without fail. Also if you wish to be featured as S.w.l. of the Month, write and tell me all about your back ground, that is excluding gaol sentences ocurse, and also about your activities.

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Sations. Cannes I have had to have a whir round for band has not shown much activity as in April. Reports of 7 Mc. have not been good. An indication of the way a good DXer can tions is borne out by the comments that have been passed to me by many on the sadden been passed to me by many on the side of the comments that have the comments that have the comments that have been passed to me by many on the side of the comments that have will not be the same without him."

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credit is allowed.

Danny Well is on his way again and has been operating from CT3, and is now enrouse to Avis is, where he is expected to operate as YV9AB from 3rd July with YV8GO and YV9BZ in company as YV9AA. He will then operate round the Carribean area (KV4AA). VSIBB has returned to Singapore but started a radio club in the Maldives and all necessary gear has been left there. VSIJF is reported as a further possibility for a tour of duty at the Maldives (VSIFF and WSYY).

ACSPN has been heard on 14 Mc. phone (SM3C21). DJIEC/TA and DL4GF are active from urkey. 1EC on all bands, and 4GF 14 Mc. Turkey. IEC on all contents on 14660 c.w. (SM3C21): spending on 14660 c.w. (SM3C21).

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VQAASE holding the fort at Rodriguez Is. (WeYY).

QSLs from SV6WQ are causing some heart-burning. I have not seen one come through the VKZ Bureau, but I believe some have been received direct via the LS.W.L. If you are still short, SV6WQ is W6GHM and is now back in the States and his current address is: 481. Call signs and prefixes worked.

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LA6CF may possibly be operating from Bear Is. next year. Disregard any rumours that he will shortly be on from Jan Mayen as he is going on Navy service (W6YY).

HVICN is expected to return to his usual outline of 0800-0640z daily as from June WSYY). (WeYY),
VOIEX, ex-MP4BCA, is on from Ramea Is.
in the FP8 group (2AOH).
ZD1RO is on 21 Mc. phone in the afternoon
227 is anxious to know the current whereabouts of YJ1RF. Any helpers?
SV0WB has been active on 14 Mc. phone
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be pushed down out of the way, but normally lives at about chin level. The circuit of the system is shown in Fig.

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A four-wire cable is required to the headset, which can be plugged into the front of each unit requiring intercom. facilities. The call back facility is only required when the switcher has to do so many jobs that he has to leave his position, and take off the headset.

Provided standard plug connections are adhered to, the system is capable of extension to the degree required for a major demonstration by several Amateurs, say at a show or exhibition. Amateurs, say at a snow or exhibition. But more about standards, later in this series. In next month's issue I will describe the master monitor.

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Frank P. O'Dwyer, VK3OF 190 Thomas Street, Hampton, Vic.

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the Bulletin and 7.30 p.m. Sunday V.h.f. Broad-cast on 2 mx. Morse Practise.—The new morse session is now in operation and can be heard from 23M Mon. 7 p.m., 2BV Tues. 7.30 p.m., 2ABZ Thurs. 7.30 p.m. These sessions are designed to assist you towards obtaining full tickets and reports would be appreciated.

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Country News.-Peter 2APP (Montesgie) is being copied in Sydney by 2ANP and 2ARG. Also wording new 2BT (Eagowwa), 2ZAA Also wording new 2BT (Eagowwa), 2ZAA (Group is hoping to organise a technical day in Sydney for the benefit of country chaps who can make the trip. More details will be been organised and your v.h.f. queries should be addressed to the Sec., V.h.f. Group, Box 1914, G.P.O. Sydney.

1734. GP.O., Sydney.
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tery sets. 2072. 1872. 24AF, 24ZO and several
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ty chaps have carried out these tests. Well
report next month with all the \$22s and the
Commands going around, so go to it.—24XZ.

V.h.f. Meetings.—The May v.h.f. meeting consisted of a lecture on Amateur TV equip-ment by Charlie 3AAK and Geoff 3AUX, who

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Activity at Ballarat is quite good and by the time this reaches the press the Ballarat gang's 2 mx contest should be in full swing. gang's 2 mx contest should be in full swing.

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Associate member Don Pitt (we can delete associate now) has received his call sign—
SZBG. Congratulations from all the boys Don, who at present is working on a SZ2 tx for 2 mx and 2 converter to pull in the 2 mx DX.

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8CL has his final on 50 Mc. and is working Perth stations regularly every night; Miling is approx. 105 miles from here.

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144 Mc—Activity on this band has not been good. 50 Mc. has priority apparently. Lance 62BK on 2 has crossband contacts with 62BU, 6GB, 6ZAV and 6BO. Ian 6CL puts a good signal at times into Perth on 2 in checks with 6BO and 6ZAV. Ian says w.h.f. has got something—III say.

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good night.

The V.h.f. Group meeting took place on Monday night, May 26, with the usual good roll up of members. The talk of the evening was by Tom &ZAF on Electronic Counters with a demonstration on a counter built by Tom in his work at the University. Very much enjoyed by all, many thanks Tom.—&ZAV.

W.I.C.E.N. NOTES

The most outstanding news this month appears to be the progress of W.I.C.E.N. in VK2 where so far 125 members have been enrolled and State divided into six areas under

Another bright note from VK2 is production of 58 Mc. Communicator which it is production of 58 Mc. Communicator which it is production in duplicated form. A copy of this ten state been forwarded to the magazine so that all who may care can get to work. (This will be published in the near future.—Ed.) Our congratulations go to VK2AD.

VK2, VK3 and VK5 have all been fortunate enough to secure Type 122 Sets for W.I.C.E.N. operations.

We are anxious to obtain advice and suggestions from all users with a view to publishing in "Amateur Radio" a complete picture of how to do it by those who have done it.

The importance of maintaining watch at all times on 3501 and 7002 Kc, should be borne in mind at all times for it is upon these frequencies that all initial emergency calls should be made.

A complete picture of frequencies employ by each network will be published as soon Divisional Co-ordinators have forwarded th reports. Additional frequencies will then advised as they come into use.

FURTHER RULES The following rules complete the "Instruc-ons to W.I.C.E.N. Operators."

Action Following Emergency:

At Amateurs concerned in any emergency activity should set down on paper a full report covering those activities before details fade from their memory. A copy of the report should be zent to the Divisional W.I.C.E.N. Co-ordinator for collation.

4.2 Any matter such as press reports relevant to the action or event should also be for-warded to Divisional W.I.C.E.N. Co-ordin-

4.3 Any criticisms and suggestions for improve-ment should likewise be forwarded to Divisional W.I.C.E.N. Co-ordinator. General:

5.1 Preparations for possible emergencies should be made well in advance. 5.1.1 Such preparations should include-

(a) Network alignment.
(b) Special requirements.
(c) Address codes.
(d) Suitable equipment.
(e) Pinpointing sources of emergency supplies.

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ATOMIC CLOCK

Scientists at the National Bureau of Standards in the United States are working on an atomic beam to serve as a super-accurate standard of time. The atomic beam will replace the tiny crys-tal of quartz that has controlled the tal of quartz that has controlled the frequency of an electronic oscillator, adopted in the 1920s as the United States' standard. The crystal is used in conjunction with a 10,000 dollar electric clock which tells time with an error of no more than one part in 100 million. Scientists believe that the new atomic scientists believe that the new atomic standard will achieve an accuracy to at least one part in 10,000 million. This would mean a cumulative error of no more than a second every 300 years. Experiments are under way that may make atomic clocks accurate to one part in 1,000,000 million. Atoms of the element caesium—a silvery metal that is liquid at ordinary temperatures—are used in the new standard. -"Radio ZS." February 1958.

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A picturesque QSI, card is that of ZI2AVQ,
of Napler, New Zealand. The operator Dougpreviously held the well known call sign of
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ZLISUB, Chatham Island, can be found on 4025 Kc. and also on 3844 Kc. around 1820 Kc. St. VKZFR, a Met. Officer on Lord Rowe because to be active from the same location for one week in July. It is rumoured that both here islands are likely to be classified as ewe countries, shortly by the A.R.R.L. -Ray Jones, VK3RJ, Manager,

CONTEST CALENDAR Compiled by W.I.A. Fed. Contest Com.

R.D. CONTEST-Dates: Saturday, 16th August, 1800 hrs. E.A.S.T.; Sunday, 17th August, 1759 hrs. E.A.S.T.

VK-ZL DX 1958-1st and 2nd Week-End October.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The May general meeting of this Division, held at Science House on May 23, was devoted entirely to business. The two motions before the meeting were dealt with after the usual reading of minutes and correspondence.

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attack. The most likely methods of attack in any future conflict seem to be nuclear, gas are most speciatural due to its tremendous powers of destruction. Should the attacker be interested only in total destruction this is probably reasons it would not be the best form for an enemy who hoped to use the country's

resources after the attack. This is where gas warfare would come into its own, as with modern gases whole nations can be wiped out and the country's resources left intact bacteriological warfare is dragging its feet somewhat and is virtually ineffective as a major tool of war at this stage.

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it is brought that the world corner, by its sense in the property of the prope By the way, arrangements were made, after several requests, for W.I.A. car badges to be made available to members and the price is 39/- each. Up to date there have been no orders, so what about it, chaps?

orders, so what about it, chaps?
Visitors at the meeting were Ken Robinson and Max Spiller, and new members admitted: Full Members—G. W. Small (32EA), S. L. Skinner (3AFL), D. M. Eales (3LQ), D. G. G. Johns (3ZDJ), D. Guy (awaiting call). Associates—I. C. Knight, R. F. Bowley, J. W. Martin, A. Ormend, J. W. E. Zdmonds. In order to retain the 50 Mc. band it will In order to retain the 30 Mc. band it will be necessary to create some activity and also to give evidence of this activity. David Ward-law is still collecting reports for this purpose. The Chairman of the V.h.f. Group would like further support by active members other-

SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of:-VK5BY-Dougall Whitburn. VK6FT-Fred Tredrea.

wise the Group will become non-representative and could become handicapped in making its

Mrs. May advises that fairly comprehensive details of the AR7 are now available from the rooms at 3/6 per copy. This should help to satisfy the many requests for this in-

comparabletions to Ray Elliott, 3ZAE, on attaining 100 two-way contacts on v.h.f. bands. Ray was presented with his certificate at the meeting. It is hoped to make the next lecture a v.h.f. night and the President has this in hand. Perhaps Ray will give us the low-down on these bands.

on these bands. It may not be generally known that the books recently reviewed in the magazine are available to members through the library. To save you looking back, the titles of these books are he "A.R.K. Handbook" and "quality Amplifiers for A.C. Mains." Further additions are expected from time to time.

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EASTERN ZONE

It has been a very quiet month for the Eastern Zone. The Fox Hunt was held on 8th June at Yarram instead of the last Sunday in May. Jack 3AJK has been operating portable up and down the New South Wales coast. Cliff 3AIT is now also active on 2 mx as well as the hf. bands.

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE Well chaps I am sorry to say there does not seem to be very much news this month as I seem to be very much news this month as I seem to be very well part of the seem to be very well particular. It is they seem to be very well particulars to the 3ATI. Geslong Radio Club on Latens to the 3ATI. Geslong Radio Club on in Geslong. Glad to hear that 3AW2 has at last broken his long silence by coming on the hook-up after about a month or so's hard work with those students.

MOORABBIN AND DISTRICT RADIO CLUB At the May meeting of the Club, a talk was given by the Secretary, Laurie 2CN, on "Radioactive Isotopes, what and why?" The speaker dealt with the history of the atomic theory, the discovery of isotopes and the use of radio-active isotopes in industry and re-

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Activity is very prominent in our area again
and we have attended many interesting functions. Ted 3AEM opened his shack for inspections. Ted 3AEM opened his shack for inspecall home constructed gear. The highlight of
the evening was a tv. 17 inch receiver and
cabinet made by Ted himself. It reproduced a
perfect image of professional quality.

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As well, Bill 3AWZ entertained a good crowd at his shack to watch v.h.f. gear in action. Several stations were contacted. Some 27 bodies sat down to supper to conclude an interesting evening.

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interesting evening. The members of the Club maintained a four-The members of the CAL Excitation in a decision of the control of the control

put into the effort.

The gear exhibited was of a high standard.

It was well labelled and there were many
working pieces of apparatus. Some of these
were, grid dip osc., oscilloscopes, receivers
tobth fixed and mobile), audio osc. Vic Clarke
entered his car to show d.f. equipment and
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Costor. The result of this Exhibition has meant the addition of 12 new members and the regular class in A.O.C.P. will commence again

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My sincere thanks to Radio Amateurs every-where for their kind messages of sympathy in suddenly, May 4—4RW. Apologies to Stan 48A in leaving you out Apologies to Stan 48A in leaving you out of call signs in flood energency, and hope you ment. Today (Sunday, 1st June) 4WI played ment. Today (Sunday, 1st June) 4WI played a tape, recording from the old northern masetro

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The May meeting of this Division was fairly
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number or active stations in this State this last year. In a second of the control of the contro

6146s these days.

The s.s.b. fraternity is slowly growing in VK6. It now includes 6VK, 8AV, 6MK, 6RU and 6NF. It is believed that two or three other stations are hoping to go into produc-

tion soon. Better chase the moths out of the b.f.o's. fellers, and whatever you do never tell a sideband man that "there's something wrong with your modulation OM. I can't even copy your call sign" (heard on 40 one Sunday after-

Note that the theorem of conclude a couple of Ref the phenome of conclude a couple of the control of the contro e had not even given it a unougant.

One of our television men has departed for
mployment in one of the other States, Warren
WJ. He expects to be away for about two
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Think that's about the lot this time chaps, but may i, in closing, thank Jack 62J for did a good 10b under extreme difficulties, both of time the is carrying on two farming properties) and remodeness, since he rarely meets other Amateurs, and all his information had to be gleaned from the air.

OBITUARY FRED TREDREA, VK6FT

It is with deep regret that WK6 reports the death on June 6 of WK68T, Fred Tre-terior to 1834, when he hence the staff of 6AM as Chief Operator. During the war years he was a Lieutenant in an electrical section, which did much research on troplealisation.

on teplealisation. The Department of Works and Resistar The Department of Works and Resistar strew which he was appelled Engineer in Charge of the Diversity Office of the Signal Government Railways, the position he held Government Railways, the position he held few was for many years, a Councilier of YEG Division, and occupied several position of the Charge of the VK6 has much to thank him for, and his passing is a great loss. All members extend to his wife and family their sincere condolences.

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After listening round the 40 mx band one clasion flat our corner of the State is should not not be a state of the state in the state of the state in should be a state of the NORTH WESTERN ZONE

for Feter IFF. Insis two we're as month.

Most of the business for the evening was disposed of with despatch, including contributions to the I.T.U. A resolution was passed or £5/5/0 donation from the zone fund also. for £5,570 donation from the zone funds also. Prior to the meeting the inevitable loads Prior to the meeting the inevitable loads was stacked in untitly heaps on the floor presumably to be sold at exorbitant prices. However, after the meeting it was observed in the control of the prices of the control of the number of smiles and happy faces increased, the members concerned had obtained valuable, useful pieces of workable squipment at give-useful pieces of workable squipment at give-

away prices.

Associate Ken Brown has purchased Roy RNN's old receiver. Roy having built a home-brew receiver around a Q plus unit. Our trips to Melbourne, came back with the news that 1155 Receivers and 22 sets were available. Ray Schulze has seen, fit to acquire a 1155 and I have most of a 22 set. MI I have

to do now its find out how it works and TII be right. It was noted that associate John the suction; converters, John Tay TRN has borrowed Athol Manning's Bendix free, meter, so teme securate legging should be available to so teme securate legging should be available in the succession of the successi

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

There has been treat scitiffy on 0 more acycles in this next of the woods, 8BW, 987, and 93K have been working Japan and New Zealand regularly and on 1st June 8BW and 28 more properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties and the properties of th

was N3-4 S7.

Bob 985 has been very active of late and has worked 78 countries including 19 States of America during the last month. This is a colossal effort because Bob is stationed with A.P.C. in the bush and is only-using a long wire as an antenna. He works about 25 watts fixed portable, and puts out a very strong

fixed portains.

Bob 3PO is a newcomer to the territory. We welcome you Bob and wish you and your XT. all the best during your sojourn with us. XT. all the best during your sojourn with us. building a power supply for it and from what building a power supply for it and from what he bridle tolis me. Feter has good not a tx, the bridle tolis me. Feter has good not a tx, and the property of the pro

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Detter will be our QSOs.

The incressed activity of this Division is a good sign but I must remind members that your obligation to the W.I.A. does not eease when you come on the air. It is also necession for you to take an active part in the working of this Division by attending the meeting and it will only be then that we will progress. and it will only be then that we will progress. Des Francis, ex-32BF, has now put X in front of YL. Congratulations Des, and this plvission wishes you and Kath all the best for your future life.

Do not forget that the general meeting is now held on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. with the same QTH.

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